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Tantara offers practical advice for software process improvement and software quality assurance/management, including the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001 (ISO 9000-3, TickIT), ISO 12207, ISO 15504 (Software Process Improvement and Capability dEtermination [SPICE]), the Software Engineering Institute's Capability Maturity Model® (CMM®) for Software, CMM IntegrationSM, and more. Tantara's Web site is updated quarterly and offers articles (online, comparisons, frameworks); a bulletin board of events, news, and statistics; job aids; and books and training materials.

Software Process Improvement in Regions of Europe

www.cse.dcu.ie/spire

The Software Process Improvement in Regions of Europe (SPIRE) was a project funded by the European Commission involving partners in Austria, Ireland, Italy, Sweden, and Northern Ireland. SPIRE's objective is to help small software

development units (SUDs) – employing a software staff no larger than 50 – to get business benefits from investment in the Software Process Improvement Network (SPIN) and to share their experiences with others. The project helped nearly 60 SUDs in SPIRE to carry out short, cost-effective improvement projects. Their experience has been captured in the European Analysis Report, which provides an analysis of the impact of SPIN within SUDs throughout Europe, and identifies trends and key features for future planning or implementation.

TickIT

www.tickit.org

TickIT guides the developer to achieve high-quality software within the framework of the ISO 9001. TickIT applies to all types of information systems that involve software development processes in the product life cycle. Typical systems suppliers include system houses, software houses, and in-house developers. TickIT disciplines are also relevant to the development of embedded software. A full definition of the scope of TickIT is included in the TickIT Guide, available on the Web site.